

Put Your Money in a Bank.

A great many country people have a very limited knowledge of banking and business methods. We know of people who very unwisely keep their surplus money in their houses. For instance, we heard a man say the other day that he was afraid to put his money in the bank as the bank might fail. He was also afraid to deposit it in the safe of the merchant, as the safe crackers might get it. From the latter it will be seen that he had an idea that when he places his money in the safe of a merchant his money is carefully marked and laid away and kept in the safe for him, the identical bills or coin that he deposits, when in fact the merchant gives him credit for it on his books, just as a bank would do, and uses the money in his business. The merchant's safe might be robbed but the depositor would get his money when he wanted it, just the same. Merchants do not keep their money in their safes—not enough to break them if they should get robbed—but they put it in the banks, because that is the safest place to keep it, anyway it is so considered by the biggest business men of the world, and to be sure farmers and others who have small savings can afford to risk them by the same methods that are used by the great financiers of the world.—Marshville Home.

Farms Better Than Mines.

"It is a fact supported by statistics that owners of farm lands in Colorado during the last ten years have made more on their acres than the owners of mines have upon theirs. This holds good not only as regards increments in values, but as to the net profit of production." This is the broad statement of the Denver Republican, but it is borne out by the observation of business men everywhere, and it is no more true of the farms of Colorado than of other sections. And if we consider the number of men who have failed utterly in mining pursuits and the vast economic loss this has entailed we shall see that farming is not only the safer and surer, but actually the more profitable, even though here and there is a "strike" in mining by which a few men get rich.—Chicago Rural Voice.

Value of Good Rural Schools.

Mr. T. J. James, of Charlotte, has bought a 600-acre plantation in the immediate neighborhood of Mt. Prospect and will move there in the near future to make his home. The excellent rural graded school at Mt. Prospect is the principal drawing card that has induced Mr. James to invest in the real estate and move to that locality.—Waxhaw Enterprise.

This is another of the many instances showing what our public school system is doing for the rural districts in this State. Mt. Prospect is in that fine farming section where Union and Mecklenburg counties corner on the South Carolina line.

A few years ago no man who wished to give his children a high-school or even a good common school education would have moved his family from Charlotte to this or any other country neighborhood.

Up to recent years the conditions were reversed. Men living in the country who recognized the importance of educating their children were moving from the rural district to the towns and cities in order to secure the advantages of the schools. There were no schools worthy of the name to which farmers and farm tenants could send their children. Those who realized the importance of a good education for their children were moving to the towns and cities. Farm lands were lying idle. Towns and cities were becoming congested with people seeking means of livelihood while educating their children. Labor on farms was becoming scarce.

Our public school system is working a great change in this respect. Now we see a halt in the emigration from the country to the towns. More than this. The tide has turned. Men with their families are going back to the country where they can enjoy the freedom and independence of life on the farm and at the same time have the advantages of good schools for their children which only a few years ago they could only have in the towns and cities.

There is another advantage growing out of this new condition. The value of farming lands is greatly enhanced. Men who wish to raise their families on farms and at the same time recognize the importance of education are willing to pay more for land near a good school than for a farm of the same character which had no such advantages in reach.

Good country schools greatly enhance the value of real estate in all the contiguous country. Neither the State nor the people of the rural districts lose any thing in the establishment of good rural schools whether they be public or at private expense.—Wilmington Messenger.

Secretary Parker in a circular letter states that within a week four Farmers' Alliances have been organized throughout the State. This is well. There is no present need greater than that of a live, active organization of the farmer class. This organization should exist in every township and county in North Carolina. Not only would they prove a benefit to the farmers themselves, but to the country at large, as its success is measured by that of this class of its citizens. The reorganization of the Alliance, shorn of politics, kept out of politics and out of the hands of political intriguers, would be one of the best things which could happen to this State, in fact, to the entire settlement. Little by little the people are becoming awake to this need and from several expressions recently heard from sensible men in this county, we believe that if an effort was made a permanent and substantial organization could be effected in this county.—Lumberton Robesonian.

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